

Exceptional Authorities related to EMR

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CMC colleagues,

In response to current events related to various convoys, blockades and protests across the country, the Commissioner of the RCMP has been given exceptional authorities related to the Emergency Measures Regulations (EMR). These authorities allow the Commissioner to request that any person make available and render essential goods and services for the removal, towing and storage of any vehicle, equipment, structure or other object that is part of a blockade, pursuant to section 7(1) of the EMR.

The process that has been adopted to sub-delegate these powers is through the provincial or territorial police of jurisdiction. For Contract Policing jurisdictions, this means that the RCMP Commissioner has provided her delegation to each RCMP Divisional Commanding Officer and their Criminal Operations. They have the authority to further sub-delegate through their command structure if operationally required.

If a municipality not currently policed by the RCMP has a requirement to compel a service provider per the EMR, the municipality is asked to work through the RCMP delegated authority in the Divisions who will compel the service providers on their behalf. For provinces who are not part of the contact, separate processes are being put in place if and when they request it. -

As per Section 9 (1) of the EMR these costs will be absorbed by Canada and not charged back through the PSAs.

RCMP will continue to monitor the situation in each province/territory and if changes need to be made to processes related these delegations to respond to operational realities, adjustments can be made. Please feel free to contact Denis Daley at the RCMP if you have further questions.

Thank you,
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